A FAVORED LAND.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA AND ITS GREAT PROSPERITY.

Millions in Minerals - Precions Pro ducts-Bewitching Beauties-Poli-

WYTHEVILLE, June 16.-Were you ever in Southwest Virginia? If not you ought to visit it. It is a lovely country. Nature has bestowed its richest blessings upon it. Its fertile fields are filled with growing grain, its mountains and hillsides with rich mineral deposits, its meadows with herds of fat cattle, while here and there dotted upon the mountain side are to be seen large flocks of sheep, and in many seen large flocks of sheep, and in many sections large numbers of hogs. It embraces the counties of Montgomery, Giles, Roanoke, Pulaski, Wythe, Bland, Tazewell, Smyth, Washington, Russell, Scott, Lee, Dickenson, Wise, and Buchanan. These counties are reached by the Norfolk and Western railroad, which road in the last few years has done much to enrich these people and enable them to develop the abundant mineral resources of this section of the Old Dominion: for it is truly pregnant with coal, iron, manganese, zinc, lead, plaster, salt, and the like.

PROSTEROUS PLACES. PROSPEROUS PLACES.

rincipal cities and towns in South-The principal cities and towns in South-western Virginia are Roanoke, Christiansburg, Radford, Pulaski, Newberne, Wytheyil e, Marion, Bristol, Salem, Blacksburg, Pearisburg, Abingdon, Estillyille, Big Stone Gap, Graham, Luefield, Dublin, Glade Springs, Rural Retreat, Max Meadows, and others, together with a number of small villages that lie off from the railroad. These towns do not boast of having millionaires, but several of their merchants are very wealthy and a great number of them well to do. They are live, widenwake, and energetic businessmen, and while genial, companionable, and well-intermed, they are always really to drive a bargain. They buy close and are attentive to business.

hotel can be seen Anvil rock (255 feet high), Casar's Arch, and Pompev's Pillar. In this county is one of the greatest of natural curiosities. It is nothing less than a large lake on the top of a mountain, and is known as Mountain Lake or Sait a lift in the cost in a substant Lake or Salt Pond. It covers 60 acres, is a mile and a cuarter long, three quarters of a mile wide, and is said to be 4,000 feet aboves interested in Roanoke county the Silver Lake and the famous Red Sulinhur Springs near Salem. In Montgomery county the Montgomery White Sulphur, the Yedow Sulphur, and Crockett Arseme-Latin Springs at Shawaville. In Bedford county the Alleghamy Springs, Blue-Ridge Springs, and Coyner's Springs. These waters are sulphur, alum, chalybeate, arsemic-lithia, freestone and lime, and the above watering-places are well patronized during the summer.

The PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS of these counties are wheat, corn, oats.

of these counties are wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye, and some millet (which is chiefly used for home consumption), and in some sections tobacco. The latter is of a superior quality. The country in many sections is of a limestone formation, and the soil is very tenacious and frequently has a claysurbeoil, which is easily improved and not subjected to washes or being guilled by rains. Much attention is given to the growing of hay and wheat, and the outlook for those crops is crost promising.

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The principal grazing counties are Pulaski, Giles, Wythe, Tazewell, Smyth, Russell, and Washington, and within their boundaries can be seen herds of fat cattle and flocks of fine sheep, thousands of them being shipped annually to northern markets. A few of the lower grades find their way to Richmond market. Quete a large-proportion of these cattle are shipped. North for export purposes and are sold in European markets. The amount of livestock shipped last season from the Glade Springs neighborhood was large, there being about 6,000 head of cattle, 25,000 sheep, and several car-loads of hogs.

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In Washington County.—The principal graziers of cattle and sheep are R. B. and John Preston, at Lodi; W. R. Cobb. C. W. McKinney, G. A. C. Beatie, Huff & Terry, John D. Hali, C. O. Snapp, W. W. Allison, and K. A. Smith, at Glade Springs; W. A. Aston, at Meadow View; James L. White, J. C. Sutton, Captain F. S. Robertson, A. C. Cumming, William M. Grav, Ernest Gray, at Abingdon; Colonel R. P. Carson and Samuel Glenn, at Hall's Bottom; R. C. Hamilton, at Mendota; Captain George Graham, at Lodi; E. P. Edmundson, at Friendship; Dr. R. G. Grant, at Osceola; John Cole, at Moab, and the Preston, at Glendale, are the principal ones.

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In Smyth County.—The principal graziers are John M. Preston, C. H. C. Preston, C. D. Carter, George W. Palmer, W. W. George, John L. Saunders, C. W. Beattie, James S. Greever, D. O. Hull, H. B. Haller, H. P. Copenhaver, John S. Copenhaver, W. C. Sexton, Thomas W. Buchan, M. R. Buchanan, M. R. Kyvure, G. W. Pratt, E. S. Keesling, T. T. Taylor, W. B. Cobb, John M. Gwvn, H. S. Buchanan, F. G. Buchanan, W. K. Brooks, James T. Porter, J. L. Clute, W. M. Spoor, R. L. St. John, Levy Coles, A. O. St. John, F. G. Davis, and John H. Buchanan, Mr. C. D. Carter has the largest berd of cattle in the county, The total number of cattle grazed is about nine thousand. In Rich Valley—Cattle, 3,562; sheep, 5,550. In Marion Valley—Cattle, 3,560; sheep, 2,500. The famous salt-works owned by G. W. Palmer are in this county.

In Pulcash County.—The principal graziers are Frank Bell, D. C. Kent, I. H. Buford, Charles King, Henry Trolinger, Hoge Tyler, Robert Kent, Mrs. W. T. Jordon, H. B. Haw, and Robert Barton. There are a number of smaller ones too numerous to mention. The largest flock of thoroughbred sheep by I. H. Buford; the largest flock of common sheep by M. Eiseman—all at Dublin, Mr. Eiseman has about 2,000 ewes. The number of lambs shipped from this county is about 10,000 yearly. It is said that the raising of sheep is much more profitable than that of cattle, and, therefore, much more attention is being given to it here than in former years.

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In Giles County.—The principal graziers are D. W. Mason, Charles J. Mathews, J. H. Boge, Charles Payne, and Shannon Burston.

Ireson, at Castle Woods; W. E. Campbell, at Rockdell; and J. H. Meade, at Hornaker. Henry Stuart, Esq., of this county, is the largest shipper in Southwest Virginia, and by many is called the "cattle king." His cattle are shipped north chiefly for export purposes, as are those of others.

In Tamcell County.—The principal graziers are Frank Moss, Robert Meek, Meek Snapp, John Ghost, Meek Hoge, George Moes, Ives Moss, and Joe Meek, at Burk's Garden: Dan Lynch, A. Buchanan, A. J. Steele, John Watts, George McCall, Sander Galespi, W. H. Keiley, and Joe Gilespi; A. T. Word, Clent Barnes, Oscar Barnes, Reese Bowen, Major Henry Bowen, at Snapp's; Bud Higgenbottom, at Cedar Bluff; John W. Crocket, Captain Ed. Peery, J. G. Watts, J. R. Witten, and J. B. Higgenbottom, at Tazewell Courthouse, and T. W. Walton, at Fail Mills.

In Wythe County.—The principal graziers are Hon, R. C. Kent, E. B. Morehead, S. R. Crockett, A. C. Brown, M. Castle, James G. and J. H. Crockett, at Wytheville; S. S. Summerman and James Kyle, at Speedwell: Dr. R. W. Saunders and Major J. P. M. Saunders, at Foster Falls: John M. Robinson and D. P. Graham, at Graham's Ford; James H. McGavock, J. Williamson McGavock, and J. M. Crockett, at Max Meadows: D. A. Whitman and Weslie Newland, at Etter; J. W. and J. C. Rapen, at Austensville: Thomas Jackson, at Jackson Ferry, and J. P. Summerman, at Ivanhoe.

In Bland County.—The principal graziers

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In Bland County, - The principal graziers are Harman Newberry, Charles Grayson, D. M. Finley, Henry Newberry, and A. J. Grayson, at Seddon: General Samuel Newberry, at Sham Springs: James Robinett, Daniel Newberry, Adam Davis, Robert Newberry, Wythe Newberry, and William Hoge, at Shde: Harvey Mustard and John Compton, at Mechanicaburg. EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES.

There are a number of institutions of learning in Southwest Virginia that will compare favorably with those in East Vir-ginia. At Abingdon is the Abingdon Aca-

At Stickleyville, in Lee county, Miss At Stickleyville, in Lee county, Miss Bessie Litton.
At Chilhowie, in Smyth, Misses Ada Saunders, Carrie and Rowenna Beattie, Mabel Gollehorn and Maggie Shefley.
At Wytheville Misses Bell Gibboney, Annie Bolling, Cece and Willie Withers, Ida Wappet, and Maggie Nunley.
At Emory Misses Lena Beattie and Ahce Kelley.
At Chatham Hill Miss Debbie Davis, At Speedwell, in Wythe, Miss Saunders, At Love Mills, in Washington, Miss Dera Love.

Dora Love. At Laborty Hill, in Tazewell, Miss Manda Barnes.
At Wytheville the Misses Mary and Helen

Sawyers, Miss Williams, caughter of Judge Williams, the Misses Alexander, and the Misses Moore.

At Maxwell, in Accounty, Miss Mat-die Peery, At Seven-Mile Ford the Misses Preston, At Adwolfe, in Smyth, India and Bertie

At Adwence.

Brooks.

At Jonesville, in Lee, Miss Cora Hyatt.
At Saltville Misses Lizzie and Maggie
Robinson.

At Doran, in Russell, Miss Carrie Hurt.
At Pennington Gap, in Lee, Miss Ida Russell.
At Rye Cove, in Scott, Miss Lucy Kilgore, and at Locust Lane, Miss Mary

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At Clinch Port, in Scott, Misses Anna and Rosa Pridemore.

At Tazewell Courthouse, Misses Eva Jones, Stula Crockett, Lucy Henry, Charlotto Henry, Salie Piery, and Kato Kely.

At Knob, in Tazewell, Misses Datsy Thompson, Lillie Brown, and Eva Painter.

ter. At Newbern Misses Carrie Fitzhugh and At Dublin Misses Bessie Kent, Lucy Cloid, Mary L. Bell, and Dorchia McGo-

Vick.
At Crockett, in Wythe, Miss Dora Fisher.
At Wytheville, Misses Helen Moore and

Nellie Sayers. At Foster Falls, in Wythe, Miss Blanche Sanders. At Graham Forge Miss Bessie Councilman.
At Whitney's Mills Miss May Mustard.

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POLITICAL.

In a recent letter I neglected to mention that the bar of Wytheville is for Judge John H, Fulton for the Court of Appeals. It will be remembered that Judge Fulton was a gallant officer of the old Stonewall Brigade and at the battle of Chancellorsville loss a limb while in command of the Wythe Grays. In the county of Wythe several gentlemen are spoken of for the House of Delegates, but none have declared themselves as yet candidates. Those who are mentioned are Dr. R. W. Saunders, James H. McGavock, and H. J. Mathews, who all live at Max Meadows; S. S. Summerman at Speedwell, and Dr. E. O. Eversole, of Rural Retreat. They are all popular and influential farmers. Any of these gentlemen would do credit to the county as members of the Legislature. Hon. R. C. Kent, who so ably represented this county in the last House, will not be a candidate for renomination. His friends wish to bestow gubernatorial honors on him.

In the senatorial district, which embraces Wythe, Pulaski, Bland, and Giles, Major Green, of Wytheville, who was a member of the last Senate, is likely to be renominated if his health permits. Some mention is also made of Mr. H. R. Howe, of Pulaski, in this connection. He was a member of the last House.

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FOR THE HOUSE.

The counties of Giles and Pulaski elect a member, and Pulaski having last had the honor of sending the representative it is more than likely the candidate will this time come from Giles. It is said that E. W. Mason J. H. Woodram of Pearisburg, and P. F. St. Claur, of Bain, Giles county, would make good representatives, and each is spoken of for the nomination. If Giles does not claim the candidate, it is more than probable that Mr. Howe, of Pulaski, will be renominated. In the counties of Smyth and Bland Judee Martin Williams, of the latter county, is talked of. He is the county judge, is very popular in both counties, and has made a most excellent judge. In the seas-

torial district which embraces the counties of Washington and Smyth, Mr. B. F. Buchanan, of Marion, is mentioned for the nomination. He is a very bright lawyer, and the law partner of Hon. John A. Buchanan. In Washington county Colonel R. P. Carson, of Hails Bottom, M. M. Morris, of Glade Spring, and General Arthur Cummings, of Abingdon, are talked of for the House, and K. P. Cerson of Fanklin and Floyd are entitled to a floater and Mr. Peter Shelton, of Floyd, is more than likely to be selected as the candidate.

In Montgomery county Ridgeway Holt, who is the popular proprietor of the Yellow Sulphur Springs, is a candidate for the House, and N. R. Stranger, of Blacksburg, is also mentioned.

The UNITED STATES SENATORSHIP.

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The united states senatorship.

There is very little interest manifested out here at this time in the senatorial fight. All of the candidates have friends who are quietly at work looking after their respective interests. General Fitz Lee's march through the Southwest when a candidate for Governor is often apoken of with pleasure by the people. Mr. Thomas S. Martin, of Albemarle, is admired for his ability in party management, and General Eppa Hunton for the noble stand he took when a member of Congress in the Tilden and Hayes fight.

FOR HOGE TYLES.

in the Tilden and Hayes light.

FOR ROGE TYLER.

The sentiment of the people in the Ninth District in the gubernatorial fight is crystalizing in favor of Lieutenant-Governor J. Hoge Tyler, of Pulaski, who has many friends in every county. They are actively at work for him and are looking closely after his interests. The delegates from this section will be selected mainly at July courts, and from present indications they will be for Hoge Tyler. The second choice of the people is between Colonel Charles T. O'Ferrall and Colonel A. S. Buford; but it must be remembered that it has been invariably the policy of Southwest politicians to stand by a man from their own section whether he be a candidate for the judiciary, Federal, or a basement office at Richmond, and Hoge Tyler will get the great bulk of the delegates from the Southwest all the same. There may have been exceptions, but this has been the general rule. FOR HOGE TYLER.

Notes that Grands, Barbord, Market and State of State of

The man was as thin as a rail and had the cadaverous look of a poet out of a job.
At least that's the way he appeared to the

A parsonage cat whose favorite seat is on the study table has found a new use for himself. He watches his master's pen and occasionally, when the writer is tired, says the Coos Bay News, takes the holder

says the coordinate in his mouth.

But his real usefulness is to act as a paper weight. When a sheet is finished and laid asule the cat walks gravely to it. and takes his seat on the paper.

As soon as another is laid aside he leaves the first and sits on the second. Sometimes, to try him, his master lays down on different parts of the table sheets in rapid

But Powhatan, the cat, remains seated.

business.

When work begins anew the cat seats himself on the last paper laid down and waits for another. Thus he shows that he watches his master's work and perhaps thinks it his duty to keep the paper from

To the Editor of the Dispatch: The collection of original stories and poems donated by southern authors to the Memorial Bazaar, and entitled "From Dixie," has received frequent mention in your columns, and yet we venture to ask for author notice—not because there still remain some unsaid conies but because in another notice—not because there still remain some unsoid copies, but because, in the ready gratitude of the ladies to the authors who so generously dedicated their talents to the cause, there was a most unfortunate omission. We have expressed our thanks to the authors. Allow us now, though it is late in the day, to express our gratitude to those who enabled us to publish the book at a merely nominal cost. We have to thank Messrs. West, Johnston & Co. for the gratuitous printing of 1,000 copies; also, the Everett Waddey Company and Jenkins & Waithall for binding 250 copies each free of charge.

The Ladies.

My Siren. [St. James Gazette.] All underned and unarrayed, On seaweed or on stones, Old Homer's sirens sang and played, No doubt in homely tones; And yet that classic eplanade Was white with sailors' bones.

In lamplit drawing-rooms; Where, amid plush and Chippendale, The glossy Broadwood dooms, Beyond the lilies and the pale Cloud of azalea blooms.

At her white throat the diamonds dart Their many winkling fire, Worth deets her with his matchless art, In datateest attire; And Wagner's mighty brain and heart lier melody inspire.

Ah me! we Greeks of later years, In equal peril cast, Where e'en the staumchest comrade fears That he must read at last. Find nome to seal with wax our cars,

readers: Waisley was in great demand during

the war, and it brought what would now seem to us fabulous prices. All ante-war Richmonders knew "Our House," situated on Thirteenth street between Main and Cary streets, and they knew Charlie Hunt, its genial, whole-souled proprietor. Charlie was first lieutenant in Captain Dabney's Heavy-Artulery Company, whose "Long Tom" would send cannon-balls with precision a mite away into the enemy's camp. Charlie came back to Richmond in 1864, where he met many of his army comrades, and it cost him over three thousand dollars in a single day in treating them at his bar. Whiskey then soid for \$25 a gallon and at \$10 per drink. French brandy soid for \$525 per gailon and at \$15 per drink. An ordinary breakfast, consisting of coffee, bread, butter, and a beef-steak, with a mint juliet, would cost \$75 at the restaurants, and later in the war, when Confederate inoney more rapidly depreciated, the cost of whiskey and meals were much higher. seem to us fabulous prices. All ante-war

The Confederate Government required large quantities of whiskey for the use of the wounded sofders, and almost had a monopoly of its purchase. Hence it became scarce and the people of Richmond resorted to many devices and stratagems to obtain

At least that's the way he appeared to the editor, as that gentieman raised his eyes from his work to see what was shuffling across the floor towards his desk, says the Detroit Free Press.

"Good morning," said the visitor

"Good morning," responded the editor.

"You are the editor?" said the visitor, inquiringly, half in doubt. "Yes, I know you are: I can always tell an editor by his intellectual expression. I have here, sir, an article for the press."

"Prose or poetry?" queried the editor, not regarding the flattery.

"Both, sir; a combination effort, I may say."

"Ah, you must be a genius?"

"Well, sir," and the visitor plumed himself, "I am considered by my friends a Napoleon of literature, sir."

The editor didn't like that a little bit.

"Um," he said, looking him over.

"Um, I didn't know you were a Napoleon, but I knew you were a Napoleon, but I knew you were a bonv part of literature; anybody could see that with half an eye."

LIVE CAT AS A PAPER-WEIGHT.

A Parson's Pet Cat Who Watches His Master at His Work.

A parsonage cat whose favorite seat is A parsonage cat whose favorite seat is a presented however, to very despica-

DISHONORABLE METHODS. They resorted, however, to very despica-ble means to effect their purpose—some of them forged prescriptions of certain well-known physicians and took them to well-known physicians and took them to several reputable druggists, who, not suspecting them to be forgeries, furnished the bearers with bottles of whiskey. Thereupon the druggists were arrested and brought to Castle Godwin, but upon the representations made by them in respect to the matter and the knowledge we had of their characters they were not imprisoned, but released on their promises to appear before the courtmartial, which was in session all the time to hear such and other cases. The druggists who were thus treated, only one or two of whom now carry on business in the two of whom now earry on business in the city of Richmond, were all well-known and highly-respected citizens.

THE FINDINGS. They were tried and thefollowing is the judgment of the court in their cases: HEADQ'S DEPARTMENT OF HENRICO, RICHMOND, VA., April 14, 1862.

At a general court-martial assembled in Richmond pursuant to paragraph 2, Special Orders No. 57, Headquarters Department of Henrico, issued April 2, 1862, were arraigned and tried upon the following charge, sale or disposition of spirituous liquors or other intoxicating beverages—to, which charge the prisoners saverally liquors or other infoxicating beverages—
to which charge the prisoners severally pleaded not guilty, and the court, having considered the evidence, find the accused, each and severally, not guilty, and do therefore pronounce that the said persons are fully and honorably acquitted.

The proceedings in the foregoing cases are disapproved by the reviewing officer, who considers that the evidence presented to the court fully sustained the charge preferred.

The prisoners are hereby ordered to be released from confinement, and they may congratulate themselves upon having escaped merited punishment.

By order of Brigadier-General John H. Winder.

L. R. Page, A. A. General, R. D. W.

The Income of Men of Families. [For the Dispatch.]

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(For the Dispatch.)

When our congressmen, in reply to inquiries, seem almost unanimous in favor of an income-tax, it seems that before action is taken on the subject that our citizens should express their views with the object of making such a law, if necessary, as unobjectionable, impartial, and equitable as possible. Under our own laws the income-tax as imposed is very unreasonable and especially obnoxious to a large and important class of our citizens and to the very class that the unanimous sentiment of mankind declares the most valuable—that is to those who have large families. A single man or a man and wife can subsist very comfortably on a small income, whereas a man with a family of children and the great expenses consequent can, by constant hard work, barely maintain them in ordinary necessaries, and certainly cannot make ends meet on the \$500 untaxed income allowed by law. It is certainly inequitable to draw the same amount of income-tax on the same amount of income from a single man and from a married man with a familiary cannot make a familiary and f

In the seal-fisheries question now under arbitration the English seem to be strong in their conviction of right, and some common people think they might have a parallel case against us in the canvas-back duck industry. Millions of these valuable birds are annually batched and reared about the Lake of the Woods and Lake about the lake of the Woods and Lafe
Winnineg. When strong enough for their
southern flight they come down to feel
and fatten upon our waters during the
winter, with the animum revertends to their
native land when the spring opens. They
are a merchantable product of the British
possessions worth as much, pound for
pound, as the seals. Would we admit a
British claim for damages to their duck
interests?

interests?

However the arbitration may result we do not fear that the British, arrogant and aggressive as they are, would ever again risk another defeat by us. They would risk another defeat by us. They would risk another defeat by us. lose thoir great earrying trade. They would lose all of their strong places with which she has engirilled and menaced us all of these years, and which, in spite of our Monroe doctrine, she is increasing without the strong without the strong without the strong with the s

it needs to provide them with thread or iron or ice. The government should quit undertaking to say what is to be "legal-tender" and quit trying to determine ratios. It might well quit colning money, leaving that to private enterprize, but if it runs a mint it should confine itself to certifying by its stamp the weight and fineness of its coins. Private interest may be trusted to get the best money if the government will only quit interfering to say that this or that shall be considered money. "Let alone," says Mr. Blair. "is the true doctring as far



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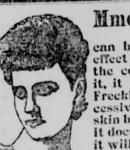
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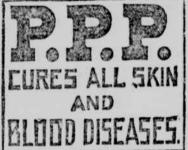


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